

SGA inducts new officers at annual banquet

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Assistant Editor

The SGA celebrated a year of hard work at their annual end-of-the-year banquet dinner Monday night.

The senate gathered at Semolina's to say goodbye to the old officers and induct the new ones.

Brad Craft, the newly inducted president, was given the honor of Senator of the Year. The SGA picks the winner of the award from votes cast by the senate.

Toward the end of the ceremony, Tiffany Johnson, the outgoing vice president, swore in Lacy Spencer, next year's vice president.

Jeff Strozier, president for the last two consecutive terms, closed the banquet by inducting Craft as the new president.

Thursday's meeting will be the first under the new administration.

The senate will discuss plans and ideas for the next term and approve next year's budget.

Pioneer Heritage Center to hold 'Authors in April' benefit

Award-winning historian Douglas Brinkley to be featured speaker

Jessica Matlock
& Christy Long

The Pioneer Heritage Center will host 12th annual "Authors in April" benefit on April 26. Award-winning author Douglas Brinkley will be the guest speaker.

The luncheon at the Shreveport Country Club, will center around Brinkley's latest book "Wheels for the World: Henry Ford, His Company, and a Century of Progress, 1903-2003."

Tickets for the benefit are available for purchase through Marty Young, assistant director of the center. Prices for the tickets are \$40 per guest of which \$20 will be a tax-deductible contribution to the maintenance and preservation of the center.

As a local history museum, the center, a little village of six buildings on the northeast corner of the campus, aims to promote the frontier way of life and explores this community's role in western expansion.

The fundraising event will serve as the launch activity for

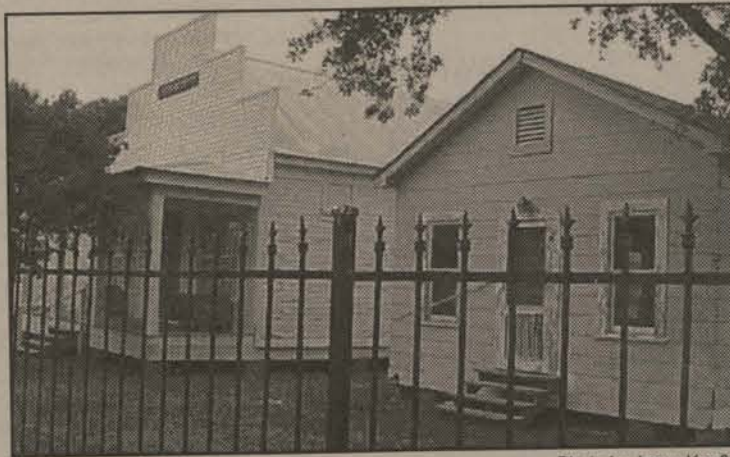


Photo by Jenny Knafla

The Webb and Webb building (left) stands next to a yet-to-be restored building on the Pioneer Heritage Center property on the northeast campus.

Brinkley's national book tour. Advance copies of the book will be made available for purchase at local Barnes and Noble bookstores the week of the event. Brinkley is the director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies and professor of

history at the University of New Orleans. He is a two-time winner of the "Notable Book of the Year" award from The New York Times for writing "Dean Acheson: The Cold War Years, 1953-1971" and "The Unfinished Presidency: Jimmy Carter's

Journey Beyond the White House". Brinkley has also written for Newsweek, Time, American Heritage, The New Yorker, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic Monthly, Foreign Affairs, and Foreign Policy.

Brinkley is the 12th author to appear at "Authors In April" since the event began in 1992 in order to raise money for the center.

"It's been wonderful...that we've had writers who are nationally known and are Pulitzer Prize winners," said Dr. Marguerite Plummer, executive director of the center. "All of them are exceptional authors recognized in their field. We are very pleased to be able to bring, with the help of our sponsors, this kind of event to Shreveport."

Esteemed authors who have appeared at the program over the past 12 years include Robert James Waller, author of the novel "The Bridges of Madison County;" Robert Olen Butler, Pulitzer Prize winner for short stories, Stephen Ambrose,

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Larry Laborde named campus police chief

by Joel Warne

The campus search committee has chosen Larry M. Laborde to take over as campus police chief on May 1.

In recent months, LSUS Police Chief Ronald Parker retired after long years of service.

LaBorde will serve as the police chief and will fill the role of the new non-classified position of director of security.

Laborde served as chief of police in West Monroe since 1979 when he was the youngest police chief statewide. Laborde sustains his title as the longest-serving chief to this day.

The West Monroe Police Department is a 75-unit department and was the first Louisiana Police Department to receive national accreditation.

"The pace will be somewhat different," said LaBorde. "But I'm in the force because I like the work and the people."

The new focus of the campus police will be the security of the students and faculty. LaBorde vows to

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Larry Laborde

chosen as new LSUS campus police chief

work his hardest to end any remnants of violence that may threaten the students and faculty.

New programs will be implemented into routine policy on campus, some of which LaBorde was not ready to openly discuss.

One program that will soon be in effect is Rape Aggression Defense. R.A.D. has been developed to train the faculty and student body in the tactics of self-defense.

"The key is defense," said LaBorde. "We won't be teaching these people to fight; we'll teach them to escape to ensure their safe-

ty."

The last session of this program will consist of a live enactment of an attack situation in which the student must work his or her way out of the situation.

The goals of LaBorde during his stay at LSUS will be to increase the effectiveness of the department and its equipment.

LaBorde has already worked on allotting government grants to pay for better and more equipment for the officers. The officers will also go through courses to brush up on their preparedness

"I want to train and broaden the focus of the officers," said LaBorde. "I want to make the campus aware that these are fully trained and functional enforcers of the law, not security guards."

LaBorde also founded the Metro Narcotics Taskforce after receiving his master's degree in criminal justice with a specialization in narcotics.

He also created the Department's Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design program. The program was to shape the safety of community citizens.

LaBorde has also run a drug abuse 'half-way house' when he served as its objective director.

He served the community in this half-way home by providing drug-preventive education as well as "detox" and quitting measures.

LaBorde has been married for 30 years and has recently retired from citywide law enforcement. LaBorde is also life-long friends with the police chief of Shreveport - they serve as each other's children's godfathers.

LSUS retention board prepares for new admission standards in 2005

by Christy Long

The university's student retention board marks the beginning of a collaborative effort between LSUS and the Louisiana Board of Regents to determine the long-term effects of lower student retention.

Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs, said the state's population decrease coupled with the building of several new community colleges and a shift in the caliber of technical schools has led to the problem of too many schools and too few students.

The problem of student retention may further be hindered by increased admissions standards at this college and the 12 other public colleges in the state.

LSUS's current admissions standards are a 2.3 overall G.P.A. and a minimum ACT score of 18.

Beginning in 2005, the admission standards will include a set of specific core courses to be completed during high school, a restriction on the number of

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From the editor

What if LSUS were a "reality" TV show?

Every time we turn on the TV we see an advertisement for a new "reality" TV show.

Because of the university's funding problems, we thought starting an LSUS "reality" TV show would be a good way to draw in corporate sponsorship and alleviate the problem we have with publicity.

One way to set this up would be to have different segments themed to different parts of the university.

The editorial staff of the Almagest has suggested starting a web show based on life in the Almagest office. Think "The Osbournes." The office is constantly in a state of chaos, with phones ringing, people arguing and Matt mumbling to himself about nothing in particular.

Every week people around the world would tune into the shenanigans of J, Candice, Jenny and the rest of the staff—except Allison, who says she's the daughter who wouldn't do the show. And of course, Suzanne Bright is the producer—the one who puts the "bleeps" in.

We'd have different theme songs for each of the kooky characters who visit the office. J has already claimed the "Imperial Death March" from Star Wars, and Matt wants the theme from "Shaft." Damn right.

We'd have a steady stream of popular guest characters, from Abe the friendly cartoonist with a jacket full of patches to Quentin, the quirky columnist who just dares anyone to start a political debate. Not to mention Michael, the missing-man.

Bronson Hall is filled with interesting characters.

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Imagine the discussions that take place outside Bronson Hall broadcast throughout the world. As the cigarettes pile up, our problems are solved! "Hannity and Colmes" and "Crossfire" have nothing on the world-shaking pronouncements students make over Marlboro Lights after history class.

A "Reality" TV LSUS would also solve the apathy problems we have. SGA meetings would

be more interesting. We could all hear the sarcastic comments of vice president Lacey Spenser throughout meetings while president Brad Craft poses for the cameras.

Brad could bring in his brothers from Sigma Nu to serve as a cheering section, and we could have Southeast-Asian style parliamentary debate.

The college of sciences could have a "Survivor" theme, with students battling rats and goats for their next meal. Tune in to see who the alliance between Dr. Burden and the Biology club votes out of the college next week!

The college of business has many similarities to "Temptation Island," with large salaries dangling before the students who can make it to the end of their studies. (And there's a suspiciously tempting looking plant growing outside the building.)

The college of education, with its department of psychology, can develop the atmosphere of "Fear Factor." The best way to learn is to do and it would help our psychology graduates to learn to empathize with the phobias of their patients.

Of course, to make LSUS Reality TV really popular we'd all have to be more open and be willing to allow the world to see our faults.

Which means we should have a version of the original reality TV show: "The Real World."

From all accounts, no one on this campus knows more about what it's like "when people stop being polite and start getting real" than the administration building. Watch the tensions rise as paperwork builds up, and the people in the line at financial aid finally have enough.

The only danger is that the show would be cancelled after executives realize that Chancellor Marsala's voice doesn't pick up on their recording devices or that they run out of tape after the first installment of "confessional" by Vice Chancellor Gloria Raines.

And most importantly, the University Court Apartments could provide our own version of "Cops."

The university as a whole would be improved by changing it into a "reality" TV universe.

Instead of admission standards, we'd have to institute auditions.

And graduates would be guaranteed a job as our faces become more familiar.

It would be easy to sell this idea to Hollywood. We'd start by mentioning George, the live rooster who roams our campus.

Plus, we could sell our own version of "Girls Gone Wild" by tempting our producers with the nightlife of LSUS. Of course we wouldn't mention that everyone leaves campus after noon and the only people here at night are the über-serious continuing education students.

Everyone is interested in college life, and by broadcasting our college lives throughout the world we could help fulfill this need for everyone.

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Clarifications

Next week is Matt's last issue, so look for all the secrets to be revealed. Everything anyone on this campus has ever told him is open ground. Beware. Matt wrote the above editorial before reading Abe's "Fight Man" for this week. Abe, what do you think of the LSUS Reality TV show, eh? Bring it on! Depression seems to affect a lot of people at LSUS. If you have a problem with depression, contact the Counseling Center. Don't let finals stress or (even worse) fear of graduation keep you from success.

We were going to put a picture of Candice on the front page to introduce you to next year's editor. But instead we'll do a full page spread on her next week. Yeah, no one reads this part. Heh heh.

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LSUS, city collaborate on Red River Watershed Institute laboratory

by Christy Long

Exploring the ecosystem over 540 acres of land, the Red River Watershed Management Institute has gained national prominence among its contemporaries.

The Red River Watershed Management Institute was started 18 months ago when the Board of Regents approved the operation of a program to study environmental factors concerning the Red River.

More than \$1 million was obtained in grants from several governmental agencies for various research projects.

Assistant professor of environmental science Gary Hanson is the director of the project.

The institute utilizes the 540-acre C. Bickham Dickson Park in its

attempts to learn more about the ecosystem of this area.

The wetlands park is a joint venture between the city and the university.

The institute is overseeing the construction of a new laboratory which will give students real-world field experience in measuring water pollutants.

Four new courses will allow students to utilize this lab and other facilities connected with the institute.

"What we are developing here is wetlands-inclusive in a watershed approach," said Hanson. "It's really unique."

The program is unique in that the area being studied maintains the ideal conditions necessary to help purify the river systems.

Even though research will be the main focus for the park, sections of the park are still open for the public.

More than 20 bluebird boxes have been put up at the park. Area elementary school students assisted in assembling the bluebird houses.

Other community outreach projects will include a project created in conjunction with Sci-Port Discovery Center that will create a river trail from Sci-Port to the park.

A new boat, which will hold 10 students, is currently being outfitted with special equipment.

This boat will allow data to be gathered at all stages of the flooding process.

Several new cameras and monitoring systems will also aid in this process of data collection.

The boat is not the only new addition.

An additional property site was purchased with the intention of building a wet lab which will allow for further study at various flood stages.

Within the next couple of months, the institute plans to have its Web site up and running so that images and data gathered from the park will be easily accessible.

The Red River Watershed Management Institute is working at all levels to help solve the problem of cleaning the rivers.

By partnering with state and local agencies, as well as businesses, the institute is helping to formulate and shape the direction of this environmental effort.

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author of several World War II books and the founder of the D-Day Museum in New Orleans; Willie Morris, author of "My Dog Skip;" Rebecca Wells, an author, actress and playwright who wrote the best seller "The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood;" Tony Horwitz, staff writer with "The New Yorker;" and Richard Ford, a Pulitzer Prize winner and author of "Independence Day."

Last year's speaker was Tyler Bridges, a reporter for "The Miami Herald" whose investigations of David Duke inspired his first book, "The Rise of David Duke."

Brinkley will also conduct a writer's workshop on April 25.

While the activities conducted at the workshop will vary, participants will have the ability to meet and talk with the author. The workshop will be held on the third floor of the Noel Memorial Library.

Although the event is free and open to both LSUS students and faculty members, advance reservations are required and can be made by calling 797-5332.

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developmental courses a student can take and either an ACT score of 20 or a G.P.A. of 2.0.

The increased admissions standards are designed to bring in students who are more aptly prepared for college. However, it is unclear whether the practice will in fact help with retention.

"That's the big unknown," said Dr. Raines. "High school grades are not usually reflective of what a student can do...and there is such a thing as a talent for taking tests."

Raines said motivation, desire and time management skills are key factors in a student's college success.

Yet increased admission standards are only one part of the board's overall strategy. The members of the board have developed a recruitment policy and are in the fi-

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Gloria Raines
vice chancellor for
student affairs

nal stages of developing a retention policy.

Both policies will serve as a

blueprint for the board's activities. The retention board is also searching for ways that the university can become more student friendly and help the students that are already enrolled at this campus.

Some suggestions have been to keep the various tutoring labs open during the evening time, allowing students easier access to the support services that the university currently provides.

A subcommittee consisting of faculty members has been appointed to study other issues such as advising. It is the hope that a more structured advising process will be of benefit to the students.

The Student Retention Board will be sending out a campus-wide draft of its proposal.

The draft will give students a chance to add suggestions and help shape the issues that will be the focus of the board's plan.

What is the Pioneer Heritage Center?

by Jessica Matlock

The Pioneer Heritage Center has two buildings listed on the National Registration of Historic Places. There are currently six refurbished buildings on the LSUS campus, and the seventh, a chapel, has been brought in for preservation.

When the renovations are complete, Marty Young, assistant director of the center, said that the chapel may be used for weddings and other events.

Every October for the past seven years the center has hosted "Pioneer Day." This year it will be held Oct. 9. The center plans to have artists such as a blacksmith, quilters and woodcarvers. Also, the center's staff is looking for folk musicians.

Tours are available to anyone who is interested in exploring the Heritage Center.

Those interested in touring or volunteering for the center may contact Young either in BH 102 or at 797-5339.

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- The faculty that comprises the communications department is fabulous! The administration, however, is where many students encounter difficulties – both policy and personnel (they are not user friendly).

- The science building's ceiling leaks and it is falling through and has a huge hole in it and has been like that for a long time now. The tuition was increased a lot, but the students that I know have not seen a change.

- The college tuition deferment plan needs to be broken down into more payments, i.e. three, for students who have to pay their own tuition.

- Eliminate speech class if we are going to give speeches in every other class now!

- I have two teachers in the past year be extremely rude to either a student or toward me. I am not paying good money for teachers to be rude and out of line. We pay them to take the

time if we are having problems. Especially since I have someone close leaving for war. The teacher blew me off when I tried to explain my absence.

- This university needs to seek and attract many more African American instructors, particularly those with Ph.D.s. The instructors and administrative staff is sorely lacking in diversity.

- The college has a lot of good things going for it, however, there is no collective unity within the student body.

- The only comment I have is having to get advised every semester.

- The bookstore totally rapes us! And administration sees to it that this keeps happening. The bookstore should provide a service for students, not see students as revenues. In other words, we need a break on the darned bookstore. I know all universities make money off their bookstores,

but LSUS' bookstore is just horrible for students. There markup is unbearable.

- I am very dissatisfied with LSUS student government because they do not offer any fun things for student but they walk around with petitions to extend common hour and whether or not we should have parking stickers or tags. Come on we need a bigger parking lot, more working elevators and a happier learning environment.

- More graphic arts classes. More advertising classes. Classes offered every semester (I cannot graduate for another semester now).

Editor's note: The above comments are printed as originally written to give the full-flavor of the opinion survey experience.

Foreign language lab reduces hours due to budget cuts

by Jeff-David Gray

With the spring semester coming to a close and final exams looming, foreign language students will have to budget their time on an even tighter schedule since the language lab hours have been reduced.

According to foreign language professor, Dr. Lynn Walford, the hour-slashing occurred earlier this semester in an attempt to compensate for "misunderstandings about how much (funding) was needed."

Walford said that lab workers were not left "high and dry." Instead the department and lab workers came to a compromise. Rather than laying off workers, the lab attendees agreed to take a reduction in work hours to help with the department's ailing budget. The lab is operated with tech fee funds, which is paid by enrolled LSUS students. While the funds are used in other lab-related areas, student salaries were the only monies affected by the budget cuts.

According to Professor

LaMoyné Batten, chair of the department of fine arts, foreign languages and humanities, which houses three student labs, each lab applies for funds every year in the Spring. Batten said the language lab actually applied for more money than any other lab in the department.

The lab is currently operating on departmental funds, which are not obtained from the tech fee. The decision to use these funds was made by a committee, which consisted of all the instructors in the department.

Although the cuts did affect the lab workers' salaries, the cuts did not affect any student involved in a work-study program, since work-study funds do not come from the tech fee.

Senior foreign language major Deserie Templeton is the only work-study student employed by the lab and subsequently the only worker to avoid a reduced work schedule.

The student most affected by the budget allowance crisis was junior foreign language major Ava Marchand who has been working in

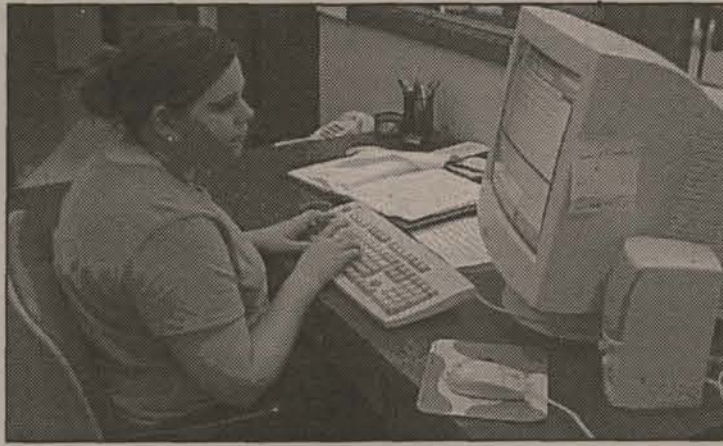


Photo by Jenny Knafila
Deanna Martinez, a senior Spanish major, works as a student worker in the foreign language lab. She has worked in the lab for the last five semesters.

the lab since January.

"I was promised up to 20 hours a week," Marchand said of a promise made by the lab facilitators at the beginning of the spring semester.

According to Marchand, who

has since had to seek supplemental employment off campus, lab workers were informed mid-semester about the reduction in operating hours. The hours that were to be cut were primarily the evening hours, which was mostly when Marchand

worked. Due to the circumstances, Marchand will have first choice of hours for the fall semester.

Walford said the decision to cut the evening operating hours was done by assessing the lab sign-in sheet to find the hours students used the lab most. Walford also said the faculty has taken up the "slack" filling in the gaps in the lab schedules when lab attendees cannot monitor the lab because they are all in class.

Also Walford said the lab use tends to wind down towards the end of the semester since all required lab manuals are usually completed by that time.

According to Walford, students were surprised at first but they seemed to have adjusted to the new schedule. Batten also says he has not received any complaints from students about the cuts. Hours for the fall semester have not yet been determined.

"We want to keep the lab open the greatest number of hours possible," Walford said.

SPRING 2003 FINAL EXAM DATES

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Outstanding students honored at Academic Awards Convocation

by Penne Jennings

The LSUS faculty extended its congratulations to hard working students at the April 11 Academic Awards Convocation.

The convocation opened with the welcome speech presented by Chancellor Vincent J. Marsala.

Remarks were then given by Provost Stuart E. Mills followed with the presentation of the student awards by Professor of English Helen Taylor, and Professor and curator for the Noal memorial Library Robert C. Leitz, III.

The Chancellor's List and the university awards were presented to students in the College of Business Administration, College of Education and Human Development, College of Liberal Arts and College of Sciences.

The students who achieved the Chancellor's List because of

their grade point average for 2002 being 3.8 or higher received a certificate for the recognition as they walked across stage and were greeted by the dean of their college.

The students that were chosen for the university awards were presented with a academic award plaque for 2002-2003.

In deciding the recipients of each department's award, instructors in each department got together and decided what student was most deserving of the award.

The winner of the Wall Street Journal Outstanding Student Award was James Patrick McElwee.

McElwee received recognition, and an email and paper subscription to the Wall Street Journal for a limited time.

He will also have an article written about him in the Wall Street Journal.

Award recipients

Chancellor's List

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Owen Windham

University Awards

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Marketing- Sara Burney
Master of Business Admin.- Kevin McCrary
Elementary Education- Mary Ascol
Secondary Education- Christine Magryta
Health & Physical Ed.- Christy Crittenden
Exercise Science & Wellness- Tim McInnis
Undergraduate Psychology- Angela Brock
MS in Counseling Psych.- Joseph Vanderlick
Specialist in School Psych.- Michele Leggiere
Master of Education- Melissa Mainiero
Criminal Justice- Debra Frazier
English- Matt Morris
Fine Arts- Holly Wood
Foreign Language- Deserie Templeton
General Studies- Audrey Norton
History- Jennifer Grayson
Journalism- Jennifer Knafila
Political Science- Michael Schneider
Pre-Prof. Speech Path.- Amanda Bell
Public Relations- Jennifer Valetton
Sociology- Addie Larosee
MS in Human Services Admin.- Shelly Ragle
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Computer Science- Andreas Welch
Environ. Sciences- Marion Moore
Mathematics- Keith McCain
Physics- Shanmuka Shivashankara
Cooperative MS- Amanda Crnkovic
MS in Systems Tech.- Steven Conrad

Continuing education offers extended learning

by Christy Long

The division of continuing education and public service offers students a chance to explore personal interests.

For almost 25 years LSUS's students have developed a professional skills through the college's program.

In contrast to correspondence courses that often leave students to their own devices, courses under the division of continuing education are taught by instructors who take an active interest in their students' learning.

With classes in web design, photography and CPR, today's program brings instructors in various fields to give students hands-on experience in different disciplines.

Students can enroll in both credit and non-credit courses.

Often a professional in the business community will take a course to update or obtain new skills.

Distance learning, which falls under continuing education, allows students to take afternoon and evening classes to obtain a master's degree.

The master's of science in human services administration, directed by Dr. Norman Dolch, professor of history and social science, allows students to gain insight and instruction from professors in Baton Rouge or Alexandria without ever leaving the campus.

In addition to distance learning, continuing education also houses a department known as conferences and institutes.

The department offers more than 1,400 courses including test prep courses.

Conferences and institutes also runs a youth program that takes place on the LSUS campus each summer.

"We'll have more than 500 kids this summer...that will be involved in academics, sports camps and, something new this year, a mystery camp," said Beverly Whitehead, coordinator of non-credit programs.

Moreover, conferences and institutes is actively involved preparing the future work force for companies like General Electric, General Motors and "The Times."

With the Shreveport-Bossier area's industrial growth, continuing education has partnered with both cities' Chambers of Commerce to actively work and train a labor force that is capable of handling today's advances in technology.

College graduates continue learning long after receiving their diplomas.

"We are trying to create an environment here so that once a student graduates they'll stay here and get a good job," said Dr. Severn C. Doughty, dean of continuing education and public service. "Continuing education will be a vital part of that."



Photo by Jenny Knafila
Angela Taylor, clerk chief one in the continuing education department, enjoys her new office in the Old Library. On April 16, the continuing education department moved its offices into room 131 of the newly renovated building.

Current course offerings and registration information can be obtained from the continuing education's Web site at <http://www.lsus.edu/ce>.

AMA sponsors style show featuring casual business wear

by Christy Long

Casual dressing for the work place was the focus of this year's "Steppin' Out in Style."

The American Marketing Association and LSUS's Career Center co-sponsored the style show.

At the event, representatives from Dillard's offered suggestions for appropriate dress during office hours.

Some of the topics covered included basics for every wardrobe, dressing for initial interviews and a special focus on current trends in men's clothing.

Some causal looks for the office included pants suits in the standard black and navy.

Yet the twist for dressing this season is to include a light colored or zebra striped shell under the classic pantsuit.

Store representative Margaret Coats suggested "that if there is any doubt in your mind about whether a pantsuit is appropriate for a particular office then just go ahead and wear a skirt."

Coats also suggested that people look to the men and women who are in the positions that they want to have and imitate their dress.

Tri- color dressing, patterned

"Gone are the days of the three-piece suit."

Jeffrey Kennedy

Dillard's salesperson

after the traditional male color scheme, is now becoming more common for women's business casual clothing.

For men, the issue of clothing seems to be a little less complicated.

"Gone are the days of the three piece suit," said Jeffrey Kennedy, a Dillard's salesperson.

A well tailored, two-piece suit, in a neutral color with a red "power tie" remains a staple for business dress.

Members of the American Marketing Association modeled examples of appropriate business dress for men and women of all ages.

"I wish they'd gotten into jewelry and covered that a whole lot more," said Helen Neu, LSUS student. "I also wished that they had walked around so that we could really see the clothes."

Marketing major Jennie Watson

said, "I really learned how to dress...for presentations and how to dress for work."

The sales staff also offered suggestions for moving from daytime to evening time with minimal effort.

They suggest that keeping an extra piece of clothing in your car or at work will allow you to quickly change for more causal meetings with clients or just going to dinner with office colleagues.

The cardinal rule for dressing casually in the workplace is let your office be your guide. What is appropriate in one office may be completely inappropriate for another.

As a final tip, the staff reminded the audience that it is important to be comfortable in your clothes but it is also important to remember that the way you dress is a reflection on your employer.

LSUS splits twin bill with UAM Weevils

by Chris Moore
Sports Editor

The Pilots came up short in a slugfest in game one of an April 16 double header but came back to take the nightcap from the Boll Weevils of the University of Arkansas-Monticello.

Game one saw the Pilots shoot themselves in the foot once again, as they committed five errors in a 16-10 loss.

The costly mistakes resulted in six unearned runs being scored by the Boll Weevils as they won by exactly that amount. Starter Tony Ferguson was charged with five earned runs while allowing seven hits and striking out one.

The loss overshadowed a career day at the plate for Tyson Arishenkoff, as he had three hits and six RBIs in four tries.

Arishenkoff's two-run homer in the third inning scored Wesley Gray who had tripled. Gray also had three hits and scored twice.

In the second game, the Pilots scored five in the first and five in the third on their way to an easy 12-4 win over the Weevils. ETBU transfer David Alexander picked up his second win as a Pilot with three

First game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Arkansas 506 300 2-6 15 3			
LSUS 012 112 3-10 12 5			
Win - McClain. Loss - Ferguson 7-4. Save - None.			

Second game

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Arkansas 004 000 0- 4 9 0			
LSUS 505 020 - 12 15 1			
Win - Alexander 2-0. Loss - Watkins. Save - None.			

innings of strong pitching that didn't allow a single run.

Denver, Colo., native Todd Morben hit his second home run in as many days, a solo shot to lead off the third inning that scored the first of five runs in the inning.

Gray picked up another extra base hit with a double and scored his GCAC-leading 59th and 60th runs of the season. Aaron McRae and Thomas McManis each delivered RBI triples for the Pilots.

McRae ended the game a perfect 3-for-3 with three RBIs, while third baseman Ben Wingerter was 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

Pilots pound Wildcats

by Chris Moore
Sports Editor

The LSUS baseball team used guerilla ball to beat Louisiana College April 15, as they used eight extra base hits, including three home runs, to beat the Wildcats 10-5.

Right fielder Todd Morben did the most damage for the Pilots with his three hits, including a grand slam, and five RBIs.

Wesley Gray and Aaron McRae had the other two homers for LSUS.

McRae was 3-for-5 with an RBI while Gray had two hits with an RBI and two runs scored.

Thomas McManis and Ben Wingerter added doubles to the offensive onslaught, as did Morben, Gray, and McRae.

Five LSUS pitchers combined to hold LC to five earned runs, but it was Frank Kowatz who got the win.

The freshman lefty picked up his sixth win of the season with five innings of work that allowed only five hits and an earned run.

Score by innings:	R	H	E
LSUS 100 005 202-10 16 2			
La.College 000 010 112-5 9 3			
Win - Kowatz 6-1. Loss - 35. Save - None.			

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For more, visit www.lsus.edu/baseball

Baseball schedule

April 25 - @University of Mobile 2:00 p.m. Mobile, Ala.

April 26 - @University of Mobile 1:00 p.m. Mobile, Ala.

April 30- May 3 - Gulf Coast Athletic Conference

Tournament (To be announced)

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LSUS students pitch in for Great American Clean-up

by Pennie Jennings

LSUS students volunteered their hands and spirits by taking part in the Great American Clean-Up.

LSUS's Volunteer Day was held on March 15.

There were approximately 15 students who donated their time and efforts to pick up litter along Youree Drive between East 70th Street and Youree Drive Middle School.

This was LSUS's way of contributing to the Great American Clean-up.

Volunteer Day was coordinated by Student Activities Coordinator Bryan Schmidt, from the Office of Student Activities.

Schmidt is committed to designing and accelerating voluntary efforts and community involvement among the students.

The latest project, clean-up on Youree Drive, was just one of many activities that Schmidt has organized in order for LSUS to contribute to the local community.

The students began that morn-

ing by meeting at the Kroger in the Bayou Walk Shopping Center on Youree Drive.

Each student, with a bag in hand, began walking from the intersection of Youree and East 70th to Youree Drive Middle School cleaning up what other people had carelessly thrown to the ground.

Yolanda Price, a senior psychology major, was a participant in the Great American Clean-Up. This was not the first time she had volunteered her time for LSUS and it will not be the last either.

Price has participated in volunteer work at the rescue mission on Greenwood Road where she assisted in sorting through clothes that had been donated for the less fortunate.

As president of the Psychology Club at LSUS, she volunteers her time with school activities as well as community activities.

Most students are very busy with school functions, homework, work schedules and sometimes family.

Therefore, finding extra time to

help those in need is very difficult. This is why people give a few hours of their time, like that of Tiffany Johnson.

Johnson, a junior public relations major, is a member of the Delta Zigma Theta Sorority and a resident assistant at the University Court Apartments on campus.

Even though Johnson is involved in other responsibilities that demand her attention, she managed to set aside a few hours that Saturday to participate in the Great American Clean-Up.

Johnson has volunteered her time in the past for LSUS at the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank and will continue to try to donate her time to any volunteer project that LSUS sponsors.

Price and Johnson are just two of 15 students who were involved in the Great American Clean-Up.

If any student is interested in doing volunteer work, please contact Bryan Schmidt at bschmidt@pilot.lsus.edu.

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MAN I HATE REALITY SHOWS!!! By: Abe Fashho

It's rant time again. This time the unlucky subject of discussion in this week's glorious article/ cartoon is the horde or mob of reality television shows that bombard us all week long during primetime TV!

It's really funny isn't it; a studio will cast a whole bunch of single (or recently divorced) male/ female, moronic, naïve, middle-class, S.U.V.-driving boozehounds to parade around in any environment presented to this sorry group and relate to reality in any way they can for the next 7 months.

Shows like "Survivor" (they eat bugs, tune in), "The Bachelor" (until the last episode), "Big Brother" (lets be equal, Big Sister too), "The Real World" (In Space, heh), "Fear Factor" (you know they've been sued millions of times), "Celebrity Survivor" (hosted by Steve Guttenberg), and a slew of many other unoriginal titles that make no sense are just terrible just like the whole concept of reality shows to begin with.

What's really sick is that people actually kill one another to watch this crap and pine to watch the next episode before their brains explode. The water cooler is the place to be tomorrow.

What I'm really griping about is the fact that these shows are dubbed "real TV" and are advertised as "real" as "real TV" can get.

Sure, you can watch people eating bugs in real time, and wait for that lucky guy or girl make the right or wrong (web voted) choice on who they will spend their fake lifestyle with for the rest of their fake (televised) lives.

But do you want television and any other form of media to tell you, the individual, what "real" really is in your life?

This is not "real TV," and if it were there would be homeless people, single mothers with kids, people with drug or psychological problems, and a whole group of other "real" people inhabiting any "real" environment's on our television sets when these so called "reality shows" air every night.

In reality, these shows are a type of escape from our reality. We hope that when we watch we can pretend that the person or persons can hear our advice on whatever we can offer on any "real" dilemma (that's already been written down mind you), and there you have it: interaction, this is what network

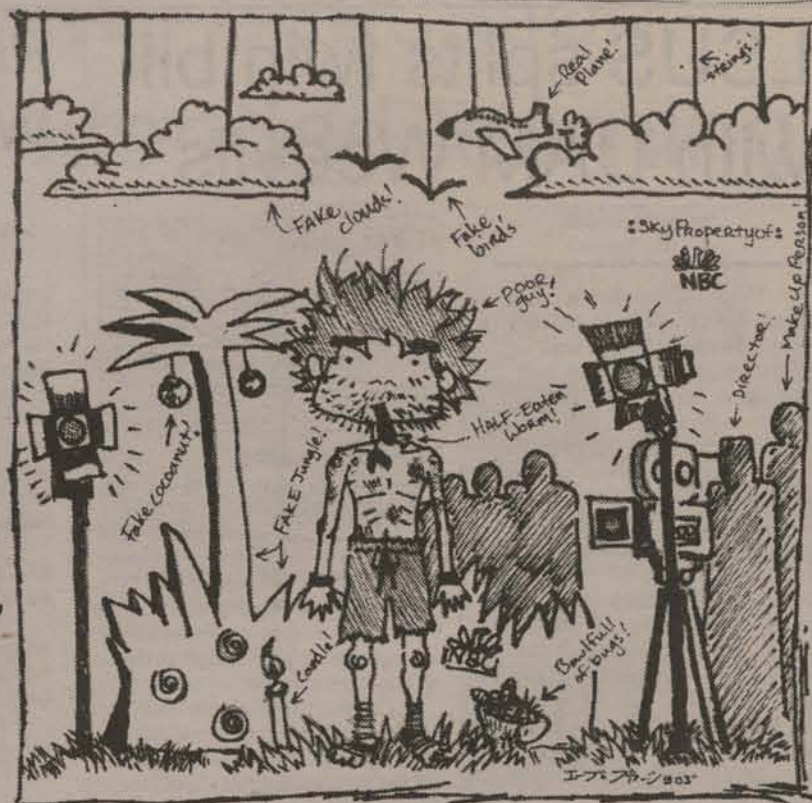
television and the media have developed for you. And then there's Oprah, don't get me started on her spirit crap.

The whole point to this article was, well... is my amazement to how fascinating these shows are to the masses.

I guess we must be really bored with our lives that we to turn to primetime's line-up of reality to relate I guess. And I thought Three's Company was real, damn you Jack Ritter.

TODAY'S LESSON:

REAL TELEVISION IS HERE PEOPLE SO DON'T DELAY. PICK UP THAT REMOTE, TURN ON THE TUBE, BE DISGUSTED, AND TURN IT OFF. DON'T YOU PEOPLE HAVE HOBBIES? I MEAN COME ON "GET REAL."



Take a look America! Just remember, these shows portray what life is like, day to day, in the real world. Those bugs look tasty. Yummmm!

Calendar of events

All events are in the University Center unless otherwise indicated. If your organization would like to be featured in the calendar of events e-mail us at almagest@pilot.lsus.edu.

		Thurs. April 24	Fri. April 25	Sat. April 26	Sun. April 27
			12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Greek Council Meeting	9 p.m. Crossroads BCM	1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Psi Chi Induction
			12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. SOC AWARDS CEREMONY	Baseball: @ University of Mobile (Mobile)	4 p.m. - 9 p.m. ZTA Meeting
			Baseball: @ University of Mobile (Mobile)	12 p.m. Pioneer Heritage Center benefit, "Authors in April"	5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Phi Mu Meeting
			Freshman Focus 3 Deadline		7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Sigma Nu Meeting
Mon. April 28	Tues. April 29	Wed. April 30	Thurs. May 1	Fri. May 2	Sat. May 3
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. BCM Bible Study Pilots Room	5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Small Business Development Center	12 p.m. Lunch & devotional BCM	4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Student Teacher Reception	Baseball: GCAC Tournament (TBA)	7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Professor Examination Service/ Human Resource Testing
	8 p.m. Worship Service BCM	Baseball: GCAC Tournament (TBA)	Baseball: GCAC Tournament (TBA)		11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Shreveport/Bossier Panhellenic Council
					Baseball: GCAC Tournament (TBA)
					9 p.m. Crossroads BCM
					CLASSES END

DEAD WEEK